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1. Production of 50,000 tons of gasoline with octane number 72 in 1954 by VEB Kombinat Otto Grotewohl, Boehlen above and beyond the 1954 production plan, is assured because Soviet Russia has undertaken the furnishing of the necessary amount of tetraethyl lead. The Main Administration for Liquid Fuels in Production Area Chemistry of the East German Ministry for Heavy Industry has ordered the Boehlen enterprise to continue the production of gasoline with octane number 72 in 1955. However, efforts of the East German Government to obtain assurances from the USSR of deliveries of tetraethyl lead in 1955 have been unsuccessful.

2. In order to secure production of gasoline with octane number 72 in 1955, DIA has been ordered by the East German Government to procure tetraethyl lead from Western countries and particularly from the U.S. In addition, the Engineering Center of VEB Kombinat Otto Grotewohl, Boelen, has been given a research order which will investigate the possibility of using ferrous compounds as a substitute for tetraethyl lead. This research work started in late September 1954.

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